

emergencies, adverse weather conditions, and any unforeseen challenges that might arise during flight.

Our amendment protected the integrity of the 1,500-hour flight requirement to maintain the safety standards that passengers and crews have come to expect.

I am grateful for the support of Representatives HIGGINS and TENNEY, and all of my colleagues who stood behind the 1500-hour rule and this year's FAA reauthorization package.

More importantly, I am proud to honor the memory of those tragically lost on Flight 3407 and the families that have fought for these standards.

LET'S SAVE THE FAMILY FARM

(Ms. SALINAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SALINAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, Insuring Fairness for Family Farmers Act.

Crop insurance is one of the best tools farmers have against bad weather, natural disasters, and volatile markets. Unfortunately, specialty crops consistently lag behind commodity crops in coverage levels, and small farms are less likely than large farms to have crop insurance.

That is why I am introducing the Insuring Fairness for Family Farmers Act, a bill that would incentivize crop insurance agents to cover small and specialty crop farmers like ours in Oregon.

More than 33 percent of all Oregon farms are small farms, compared to 13 percent of farms in the U.S. And my growers have been clear about the challenges the current system creates for them.

As we write the farm bill, Congress has a rare opportunity and a responsibility to ensure small family farms have their interest prioritized by giving them the tools they need to remain in production.

Let's save the family farm.

NATIONAL PENNSYLVANIA DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize July 20 as National Pennsylvania Day.

Pennsylvania gained the nickname the "Keystone State" because Thomas Jefferson referred to the Commonwealth as a keystone of the Federal union for our role in the establishment and the success of the United States.

Our Commonwealth is where the Declaration of Independence was signed, our Constitution was written, and our flag was born. It also served as the first capital back in the early days of our union.

Pennsylvania is the site of famous battles, such as the battle of Valley

Forge during the Revolutionary War and the battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War. In Pennsylvania, we are proud to be home to the first hospital, superhighway, and commercial oil well, the Drake Well in my district. We are also proud to have invented the slinky, little league baseball, the steam engine, and bubble gum.

All throughout history from our steel and coal mines to our farms and forests, Pennsylvania has led the way with an inspiring work ethic.

As a lifelong Pennsylvanian, I am proud of all we have done and look forward to our future. I am proud to represent nearly one-third of the land mass of our great Commonwealth.

Madam Speaker, to all Pennsylvanians, happy Pennsylvania day.

MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. MANNING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, the United States is experiencing a maternal health crisis.

This country has the highest maternal mortality rate among all developed nations, disproportionately impacting women of color, women in rural areas, and low-income women.

Yet, according to the CDC, 60 percent of these deaths are preventable. Let me say that again: 60 percent of maternal deaths in the U.S. are preventable.

That is unacceptable. Healthy mothers and healthy babies must be a priority for this country. That is why I reintroduced my Advancing Maternal Health Equity Under Medicaid Act so that all people with Medicaid coverage can get the access and the care they need during and after pregnancy.

I encourage all my colleagues to support this critical legislation to help reduce the stark racial, ethnic, and income-based disparities in healthcare outcomes and save lives.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ERNESTINE RACLIN

(Mr. YAKYM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YAKYM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and honor the legacy of Ernestine Raclin, who recently passed away at the age of 95.

The youngest daughter of Ernest and Emma Morris, Ernestine was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana. Ernestine made it her life's mission to make her home community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Ernestine was a trailblazer, taking on roles and responsibilities like few women before her. In addition to chairing 1st Source Bank, Ernestine was the first woman to serve on both the Notre Dame Board of Trustees and the Board of the United Way.

She was a strong supporter of the arts, devoting her time, talent, and treasure to countless projects in the South Bend/Mishawaka area.

Above all, Ernestine was a leader who loved her family and possessed a unique ability to rally people around causes greater than themselves.

The sheer number of remembrances that have come in since her passing just goes to show you how many lives Ernestine touched and the people that she shaped for the better.

I know Ernestine's family misses her during this deeply difficult time, but I also know that they "do not grieve as those who have no hope," and they take comfort in knowing that they will one day be reunited with Ernestine for all eternity.

May God bless Ernestine Raclin.

GRAND OPENING OF THE CINCINNATI BLACK MUSIC WALK OF FAME

(Mr. LANDSMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANDSMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the historic grand opening of the Cincinnati Black Music Walk of Fame.

Thanks to the work of Hamilton County Commission President, Alicia Reece, the Black Music Walk of Fame is a one-of-a-kind interactive tourism attraction that will celebrate the untold stories and legacies of artists from southwest Ohio, attracting families from across the region, country, and globe.

Cincinnati is home to many transformational Black artists, from Otis Williams to Bootsy Collins to Penny Ford. Thanks to the dedication and tireless efforts of President Reece, these artists will forever be honored on the banks of the Ohio River for all to see.

The Black Music Walk of Fame will inspire future generations of artists as well as drive tourism and growth. It is my honor to represent such talent and passion.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate President Reece and all of those who have worked so hard to transform this vision of the Black Music Walk of Fame into reality.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE TRUTH, TRANSPARENCY, AND ANSWERS

(Mr. COLLINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to encourage Congress to continue investigations into potential criminal conduct by President Biden or his family.

The web of deceit that is being spun surrounding this issue must be unraveled, and House Republicans are doing just that.

Yesterday, House Oversight heard from two credible IRS whistleblowers with knowledge of the Biden criminal investigation.

According to the whistleblower, Hunter Biden and his associates raked in a total of \$17 million from China, Romania, and other sources between 2014 and 2019.

Knowing whether or not President Biden has been compromised or targeted by foreign actors is critical to our national security.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to continue the investigations and pursue all reliable evidence. The American people deserve truth, transparency, and answers.

WE MUST RESPECT OUR PILOTS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I stand today to reinforce the importance of the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration, the FAA, because it is particularly important to realize that to move this Nation, we must make sure that we protect our passengers and our flight crew.

Besides the almost \$4 billion in airport improvement dollars, in addition to reinforcing the training and the protection of our crews, reinforcing pilots' doors, making sure we have diversity and reach out to all over the Nation to build the aviation industry by reaching out and training new pilots, as well as ensuring that passengers are dignified or treated with dignity and have the respect of airlines.

This is a bill that should have the ability to move forward out of this House, but I am unhappy about how the pilots were treated in terms of their opposition to the raising of the age. I will continue to work with the Senate to ensure that we listen to our pilots. I listened, and I hope that we will finally have an FAA bill that will really be securing growth and robust leadership in the American aviation community.

We must respect our pilots. They get us off the ground, they get us to our destination, and they get us back on the ground. We will continue to work and fight for our pilots and their issues.

CHINA IS PLOTTING A GOVERNMENT-BACKED DIGITAL CURRENCY

(Mr. MOONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, China is plotting a government-backed digital currency which will be used to survey and manipulate financial activities of its citizens and to crack down on dissent. A central bank digital currency, known as the digital dollar, poses significant privacy and government surveillance concerns.

Republicans have been clear that the Federal Reserve does not have the authority to issue a digital dollar without an act of Congress. The United States shouldn't have the ability to build and test one behind the scenes either.

Right now the Federal Reserve is contracting with the private sector to build digital dollars far beyond what we considered traditional research. That is why I introduced H.R. 3712, the Digital Dollar Pilot Prevention Act which closes this loophole.

Make no mistake, government-backed digital dollars are not about innovation; they are about control. We must stop the Fed's current development dead in its tracks, and my legislation does exactly that.

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THE INCREASE OF TURBULENCE AFFECTING AIRCRAFT

(Ms. STEVENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of a bill I authored that is included in the FAA package to research severe turbulence and the impact of climate change on the flight forecasts.

Turbulence is the top cause of injuries to both passengers and crew. My bill improves the FAA's understanding of turbulence to better inform safety measures for flight crews and the flying public.

Last month, a scientific study analyzed 40 years of high-quality atmospheric data. The researchers found severe clear-air turbulence increased 55 percent from 1979 due to climate change.

Further, other recent studies have shown that turbulence will increase significantly as the climate changes, with the most severe turbulence increasing by 149 percent over the next several decades.

We should all be concerned about the rise of turbulence and the projected increase in the years ahead.

Unfortunately, scientists and researchers have reported their difficulty in calculating turbulence due to limited data coverage.

That is why the FAA needs better tools and research to address passenger safety amid this threat to air travel. The FAA research we support today means that tomorrow, Americans will fly safer.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CAN PROSECUTE ANY AMERICAN

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, recently, Speaker MCCARTHY stated that if the Department of Justice can prosecute Donald Trump, then "they can do that to any American."

Speaker MCCARTHY is absolutely correct. If the Department of Justice can prosecute Donald Trump for unlawfully retaining top secret, classified documents that put American lives at risk and sharing those documents with random people, then yes, the Department of Justice can prosecute you for unlawfully retaining top secret, classified documents and sharing them with random people, because you are not above the law and neither is Donald Trump.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

ADDRESSING AIRPORT NOISE ABATEMENT

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise as the Representative of the Massachusetts Seventh Congressional District, which is home to Boston Logan Airport, critical to our economy, for travel, a job engine, and it has created a number of quality-of-life issues for those who live in proximity to it.

As a proud member of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus, I want to talk about what these constituents are experiencing—and they write my office daily—living proximate to one of the Nation's busiest airports: Loud air traffic starting in the early morning hours and lasting until midnight, adverse health effects exacerbated by interrupted sleep, aircraft noise, air pollution. It is all taking a toll.

That is why I support provisions in the FAA bill that invest in noise abatement, clean energy, and, most importantly, community input. It is through cooperative governance and listening to impacted communities, who are often the most underserved and overlooked, that we can advance policies that are responsive to their needs, the needs of my constituents in Charlestown, East Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville.

I am proud to have secured more than \$80 million for Boston Logan Airport, and I will work to ensure this bill and those funds move us closer to quiet skies in the Massachusetts Seventh.

WATER BREAKS ARE A BASIC RIGHT

(Mr. CASAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CASAR. Madam Speaker, I am GREG CASAR, and I represent the heart of Texas.

Thirteen years ago, I stood alongside construction workers as we sounded the alarm at Austin City Hall that workers were dying after being forced to work for hours on end in the sun without rest and without a water break. Our community came together and passed a local protection to guarantee everyone this basic right.